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c.1855-1875

1101-1137 Battery Ave. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The east side of the 1100 block of Battery Ave. is improved with a number of different types of houses. 1101-1103 Battery Ave. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements. The houses were built in the early 1850's and are typical of the type of small house built for low-income families in this period. 1107-1107, 1109-1111, and 1113-1115 Battery Ave. are pairs of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the period 1855 to 1865 by three different builders. Extending south from 1117-1123 Battery Ave. is a row of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and simple brick cornices, built in the early 1870's. 1125 Battery Ave. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof, and to the south, at 1127-1131 Battery Ave. there is a group of two story, two bay wide brick gable-roofed houses, built in the late 1860's. Finally, at 1133 and 1135-1137 Battery Ave. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, built about 1866.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1105-1107 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick buildings with shed roof and bracketed cornice represent an enlargement of the original gable roofed houses that were built on this site in the 1850's. Both houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are three stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 82' deep. Each house has a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. 1107 Battery has an extra second story, one bay deep frame section. The houses are constructed in running bond but both have been covered with formstone. The shed roofs are capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of scroll-sawed brackets set against a plain frieze area decorated with a quarter-round molding strip. The brackets and frieze area are missing from 1107 Battery Ave. 1105 Battery Ave. has a rear hooded chimney located along the north side of the house; 1107 Battery has a double rectangular chimney located along the south side of the rear gable.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills cannot be determined because of the formstone covering, it is apparent that all of the openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 1105 Battery Ave. has a multi-light glass and panel door and 1107 Battery has a Mission-style door. Both doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on a high basement, the entrances being reached by six wood steps each. Each house has a tall, rectangular basement opening located beneath the first floor window.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1855-56

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John T. Grindall

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are representative of a fairly large number of houses in the Federal Hill area that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the front roof gable being rebuilt as a shed roof, and a modern bracketed cornice added. The houses are representative of a fairly large group of such three story, gable-roofed houses that were built in this southern section of Federal Hill in the 1850's to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area--men who owned small businesses in the area, or who had prospered at local trades. Houses such as this were almost always sold outright to individual owners. In addition to the full three stories in height, these houses are generally larger in overall scale than the type of house built for working class residents. The rooms are larger, more open, and with higher ceilings; the spacious stairways are located in a separate stair hall area which communicated with both the main body of the house and the kitchen located in a rear addition.

These particular houses were built by John T. Grindall, an active local real estate developer, on lots laid out, but unimproved, by Caleb Hall in the 1820's. as part of his development plan for the several blocks lying south of Cross St. between William and Covington Streets.¹ The first owner of 1105 Battery Ave. was a James Jervis, a file manufacturer. The first owner of 1107 Battery Ave. was a George Long, a painter.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 429, Folio 180; ED 82, Folio 334; ED 165, Folio 494; ED 103, Folio 517

²Baltimore City Directory, 1858-59, 1860, 1864

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 82' each**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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E. CROSS

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ST.

AVE.

ALLEY

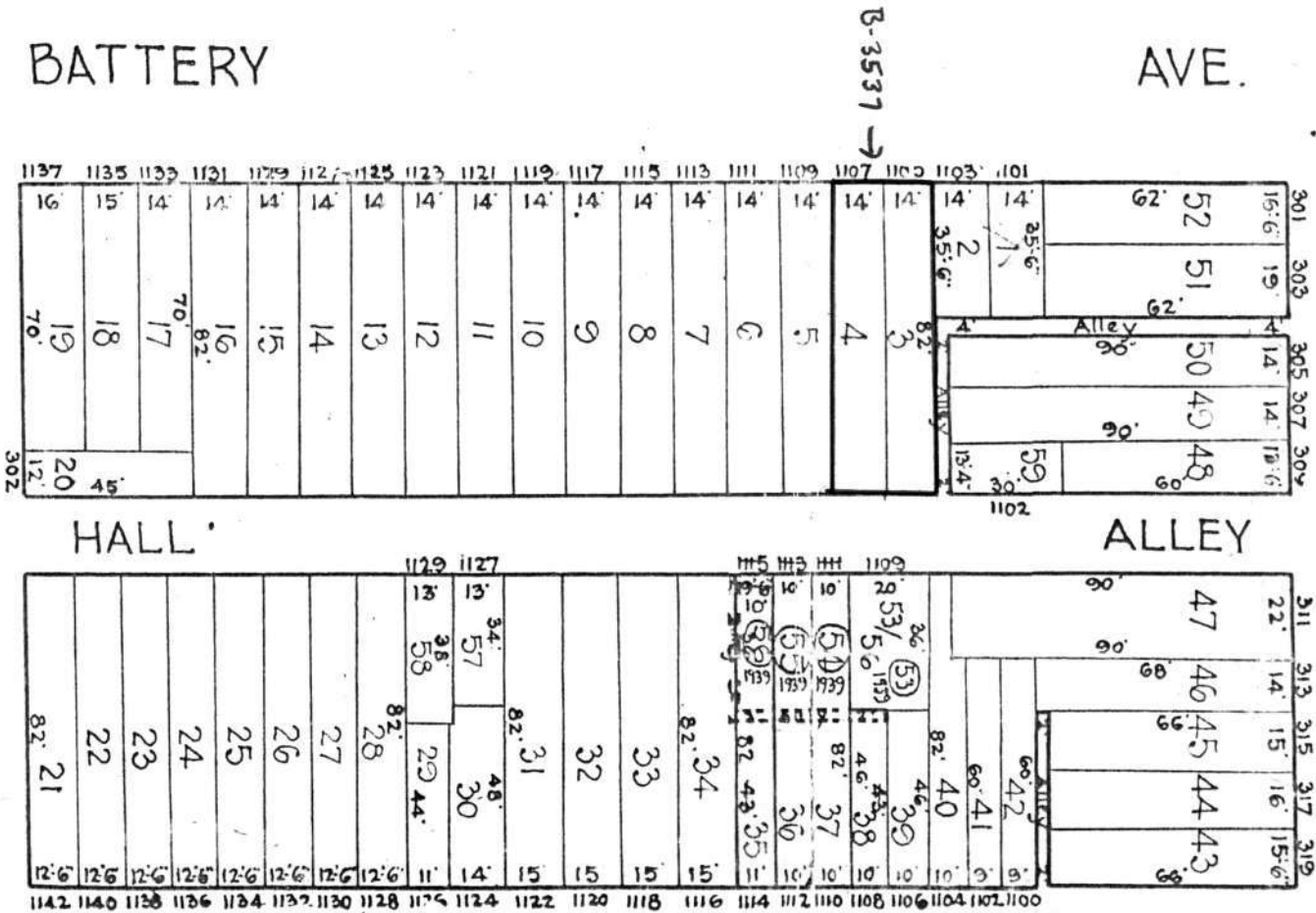
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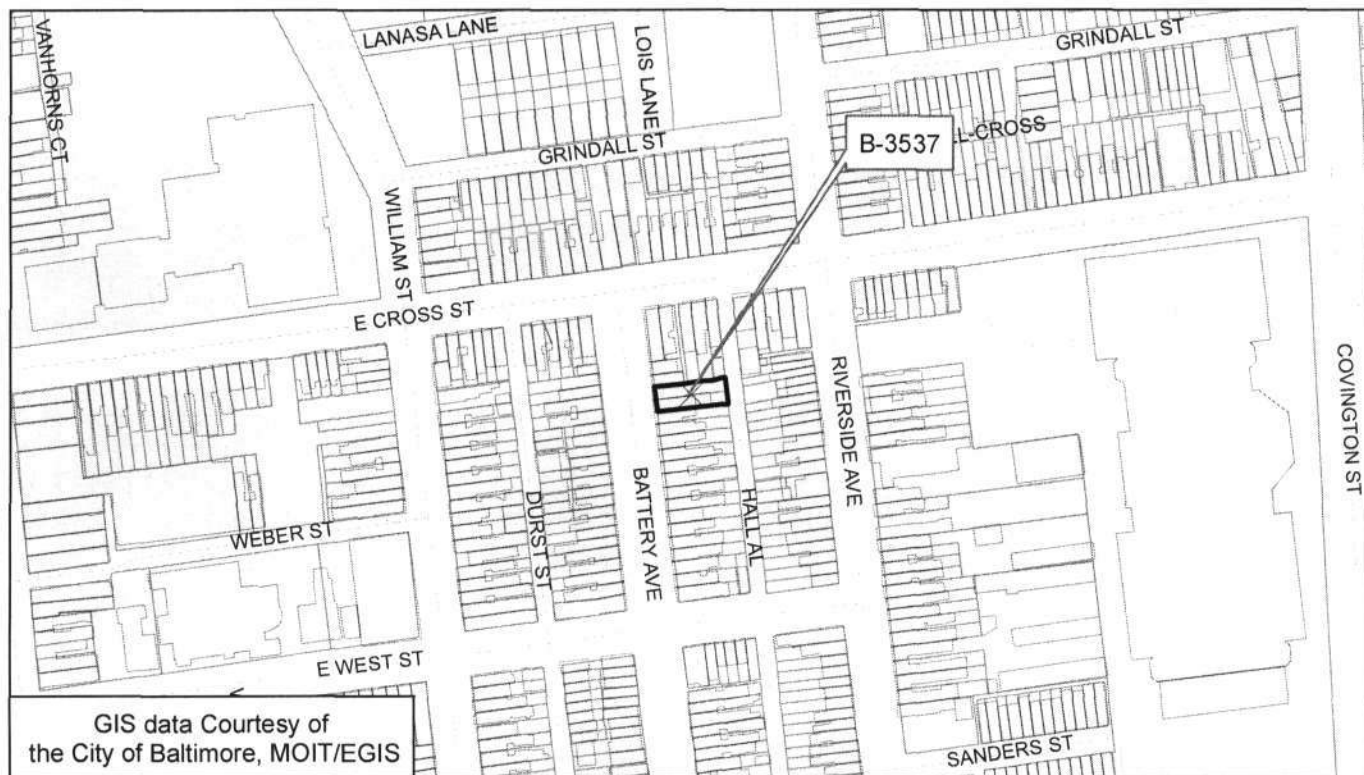
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1105-1107 Battery Avenue
Block 1918 Lots 003-004
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation